

## **U.S. Department of State Privacy Impact Assessment Summary**

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**TITLE:**        **National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS) Electronic Verification of Vital Events (EVVE) System Study**

**DATE:**        **FY 2008**

- I.        Describe the information to be collected (e.g., nature and source). Be sure to include any information in an identifiable form, e.g., name, address, social security number or other identifying number or code, telephone number, email address, etc).**

This test and evaluation project involves the collection of three types of data:

- A. One set of data will be collected from existing Passport Records, specifically from the Passport Applications of citizens with issued passports who were born in one of seven participating states. That data will be:
- i. State of Birth
  - ii. Application number
  - iii. Gender
  - iv. Passport number
  - v. Date of Birth
  - vi. Surname
  - vii. Given Name
  - viii. Name Type
  - ix. Birth Certificate type (as presented with Passport application) – state, county or city
  - x. Birth Certificate file date
  - xi. Mother's maiden name
- B. A second set of data is that returned from the birth record verification queries to the particular state vital records agency (state of birth as indicated on Passport application), consisting of a Results Code: Match, No match on Name, No match on DOB, etc.

- C. The third set of data is that generated from the statistical analysis of the birth record verification query responses, consisting of Match Rate for State X; No Matches on Name for State X; Matches on Name using Alias or Known As, etc.

**II. Why is the information being collected (e.g., to determine eligibility)?**

This study is to determine the possible utility of using the NAPHSIS EVVE birth record verification system to confirm birth information presented with a Passport application.

**III. How will the information be used (e.g., to verify existing data)?**

The information in this study will be used by DoS/CA to assess the utility of using the NAPHSIS EVVE birth record verification system in the application adjudication element of the passport issuance process.

**IV. Will you share the information with others (e.g., another agency for a programmatic purpose)? If yes, list the entities.**

Study queries regarding the verification of birth certificate information presented with passport applications will be submitted to the vital records agency of the birth state indicated on the application.

**V. Describe what opportunities individuals have been given to decline to provide information or to consent to particular use of the information (e.g., whether individual may withhold permission for a particular use).**

None. The information is being used only according to its original intent: verification of citizenship (i.e. verification of birth in a state of the United States). Therefore, in keeping with the provisions of the Privacy Act, consent is not needed.

**VI. How will the information be secured (e.g., administrative and technological controls)?**

Study information will be strictly controlled with roles-based access only by the very small project study team. In transmission to and from the queried state, the data will be encrypted according to applicable data security standards of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

**VII. How will the data be retrieved (e.g., will it be retrieved by a personal identifier such as name, social security number, address, telephone number or some other identifier that is unique to an individual)**

The data is retrieved from existing Passport Records by state of birth information on Passport Applications.